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Amendment

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To: House Bill No. 6997

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section, (1) "drug abuse" means the ingestion of controlled substances,
5 as defined in 21 USC 802, without a prescription or other authorization
6 required under state law, (2) "substance use" means the excessive use
7 of drugs or alcohol in a manner that causes harm to oneself or others,
8 and (3) "fetal alcohol spectrum disorder" means a range of health
9 conditions that may affect an infant whose mother drank alcohol
10 during pregnancy, including, but not limited to, fetal alcohol
11 syndrome. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop
12 and implement policies and procedures in accordance with the Child
13 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, 42 USC 5101 et seq. and 42 USC
14 5116 et seq., as amended from time to time, to secure the health, safety
15 and well-being of infants identified as being affected at birth by drug

16 abuse, withdrawal symptoms related to prenatal drug or alcohol
17 exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

18 (b) Such policies and procedures shall advance the best interests of
19 such infants and shall include, but not be limited to, securing
20 substance use treatment for such infants, their mothers and other
21 caregivers and ensuring the infants grow up in substance-use-free
22 homes. The commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the
23 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than
24 February 1, 2018, to the joint standing committees of the General
25 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and public
26 health on (1) the number of cases involving such infants referred to the
27 commissioner on and after the effective date of this section by health
28 care providers, (2) the policies and procedures developed and
29 implemented by the commissioner, (3) gaps in notification to the
30 commissioner of such cases, (4) gaps in services provided to such
31 infants, their mothers and other caregivers, and (5) recommendations
32 for improvements in services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section